

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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-- The above, and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following description read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference numerals designate the same elements. --

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-- Having described preferred embodiments of the invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to those precise embodiments, and that various changes and modifications may be effected therein by one skilled in the art without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the new claims as shown below:

32. (New) The leg support garment according to claim 1, being a garment of a tights type that has a length capable of covering at least a range from a waistline to an inferior side of the knee.